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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM PICKERING

PASS DOD/ISA FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY JORDAN HANDLE AS
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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE -- TRAINING

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1. I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF REFTEL A HERE.
IN MY WASHINGTON CONVERSATION WITH MR. JORDAN IT WAS
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NOT CLEAR TO ME THAT CUT OFF OF TRAINING FOR JORDANIANS

ON I-HAWK HAD TO COME PRECISELY ON APRIL 30 IF WE HAD
REAL PROSPECTS OF A POSSIBLE DEAL.

2. REF CABLE IS WELL ARGUED AND LOGICAL. IT HOWEVER
WILL CAUSE SEVERE REACTION HERE. KING TOLD ME LAST
NIGHT HE WANTS TO KEEP HIS MEN IN U.S. AS LONG AS
POSSIBLE. FROM JIDDA REPORTING, IT IS CLEAR THAT A
DEAL IS STILL POSSIBLE. IF WE CUT OFF TRAINING NOW
FOR THOSE JORDANIANS IN THE U.S. IT COULD PRODUCE A
REACTION IN JORDAN WHICH COULD RESULT IN HURTING OUR
CHANCE TO WORK OUT A DEAL WITH THE SAUDIS.

3. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH NOT SENDING ANY MORE
JORDANIAN TRAINEES TO U.S. AND JORDANIANS AGREE.

4. HOPE WE CAN WITHHOLD ACTION ON RETURNING JORDANIANS
NOW IN TRAINING IN U.S. UNTIL WE DETERMINE WHAT SAUDI
FINAL ANSWER IS ON THE DEAL WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THEM.
APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN DOING SO. MEANWHILE, WE ARE
HOLDING IN EMBASSY INFO IN REFTEL.

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